

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 and 3-12 are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 3-12 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 6-9 of Kurachi et al. (US 7,467,895). Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, thereby removing the basis for this rejection.

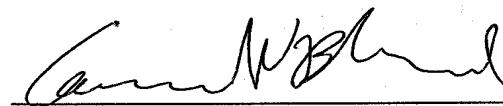
Since no other claim rejections exist in the Office Action, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 038921.57101US).

Respectfully submitted,

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